



Handi-NEWS & NOTES



October 2006

COUNTY BUDGET HEARINGS!

On Monday, October 30th the County Board will be hosting the Public Hearing on the 2007 county budget. The public hearing will be at the Zoofari Conference Center (9715 W. Bluemound Road) at 7pm.

THE REC ROOM Recreation Calendar

Activities designed for people with disabilities

January	February	March
April	May	June
July	August	September
October	November	December

www.county.milwaukee.gov/recreationcalendar

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARKS!

Mitchell Park Domes



**October 13 (6pm – 10 pm)
Rainforest Night**

Experience the tropical rain forest at night with guided flashlight tours of the Tropical Dome from 6:30pm – 9:30pm. See exotic plant life that awakens only in the dark and learn about the many benefits we receive from the rain forest. Food samples, with tropical origins, will be provided to interest your taste buds.

**October 14 (9am – 5pm)
Hedgehog Show**

Learn more about Hedgehogs during this national show! Hedgehogs from around the US will be at the Domes to compete in morning confirmation judging and afternoon contests. Breeders will be available to answer your questions on raising Hedgehogs.

**October 21 & 22 (9am - 5pm)
Ikebana Show**

The Ikebana Society returns to the Domes for its annual show. See the award winning pressed flower designs of local artists and learn more about this fantastic hobby of creating art from flowers.

Standard admission fees to the Domes apply for these events. For more information, please call (414) 649-9830.

Boerner Botanical Gardens

**Saturday, October 10 & 14
Growing Gardeners (Ages 3, 4 & 5):**

The Magic of Autumn

10:30 am or 1:00 pm, \$15 / \$10 Members

Mother Nature is creating magic in the Gardens and you can find out how she performs some of her tricks in this class. Wave a wand and make your own magical creature from all natural garden materials.

Dates and topics may change. For more information, to confirm or pre-register, please call 414-525-5653.

DOORS

Disability Outreach Offering Resources through Service

Volunteer and be a part of this exciting new initiative in Milwaukee! Become economically empowered through volunteering. In addition, you will improve the economic status of those you serve, learn new skills, gain experience and meet new people!

What is economic empowerment? Activities that lead to improved employment and economic status.

Who can volunteer for the program? An individual is considered to have a "disability" if s/he has a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities. This definition is taken from the Americans with Disabilities Act.

What types of volunteer opportunities are available? Financial Educator, Tax preparer, Workshop Facilitator, Urban Greenhouse Assistant, Credit Union Teller

How can I become involved? Contact Lisa Anderson at the Volunteer Center (414) 273-7887 or Landerson@volunteermilwaukee.org.

* Transportation assistance will be available to participants if needed.

Wil-O-Way KEY CARD MEMBERS!

All 2006 Wil-O-Way Key Card Members, please note that in next month's issue of Handi-NEWS & NOTES you'll have your first of two opportunities to receive the 2007 Wil-O-Way Key Card Application. Please do not miss the opportunity to continue your membership without a lapse in time. Please complete the application, write out a check for the appropriate amount, and send it in before the end of the year.

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SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATES

By Karyl Richson
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IT'S EASY TO APPLY ONLINE FOR HELP WITH MEDICARE DRUG COSTS

While general enrollment in the new Medicare prescription benefit has ended for 2006, you may enroll in a drug plan without penalty IF you qualify for extra help with Medicare Part D costs.

This extra help, available to people with limited incomes and resources, can pay some or all of your Part D premiums, deductibles and co-payments. The extra help could be worth an average of \$3,700 per year.

As a general guideline, to qualify, your annual income (including pensions and gross Social Security benefit) should be below \$14,700 for an individual, \$19,800 for a married couple living together. Income may be higher if you or your spouse has earnings from work, support other family members who live with you, or live in Alaska or Hawaii. In addition, resources must be worth less than \$10,000 for an individual, \$20,000 for a married couple living together. Resources include bank accounts, stocks and bonds but not your house and car. Limits may be slightly higher (an additional \$1,500 per person) if you plan to use some resources for burial expenses.

You may complete the application for yourself or on behalf of a relative, friend or client. The fastest and easiest way to get a decision is to file at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp, which has gotten high marks from users. In a recent survey of e-commerce sites operated by Federal agencies, the online application for extra help tied for first place in customer satisfaction. If you don't have access to the Internet, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 or visit a local Social Security office.

Once you qualify for the extra help, you may enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug program and pay no penalty for 2006. To learn more about drug plans, call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov.

KNOW WHAT YOU NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

Each year many Americans will lose or misplace their Social Security card and need to apply for a replacement. If you or someone you know find that you need a replacement card, here are some tips that can make the application process go as smoothly (and quickly) as possible.

Social Security will need proof of your identity and can accept only certain documents. An acceptable document must be current and show your name, age or date of birth, and preferably a recent photo. Examples of such documents would include: a state driver's license, or a U.S. passport.

If you do not have one of these documents and cannot get a replacement for one of them in 10 days, Social Security will accept other proofs of identity, including: an employee ID card; a school ID card; a health insurance card; a U.S. military ID card; or an adoption decree.

It is also important to remember that all documents must be originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. Social Security cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents.

For more information about getting a replacement Social Security card, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the publication, *New Rules For Getting A Social Security Number And Card*

VSA CLASS

VSA arts OPEN ART STUDIO classes start Wed. Nov 15, 10-11:30 a.m. and end Dec 6. Students can choose to create their own artwork using watercolor, acrylic, or mixed media painting. Art supplies are included.

Regular class fee is \$40 for four weeks or you may call 414-489-0541 if financial assistance is needed. Classes are held at the Marian Center for Nonprofits, Rm 123, 3211 South Lake Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53235.

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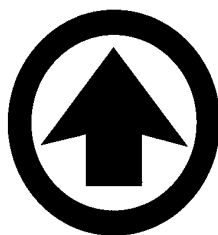
VOTE Mark Ryan

Milwaukee County Clerk

November 7, 2006

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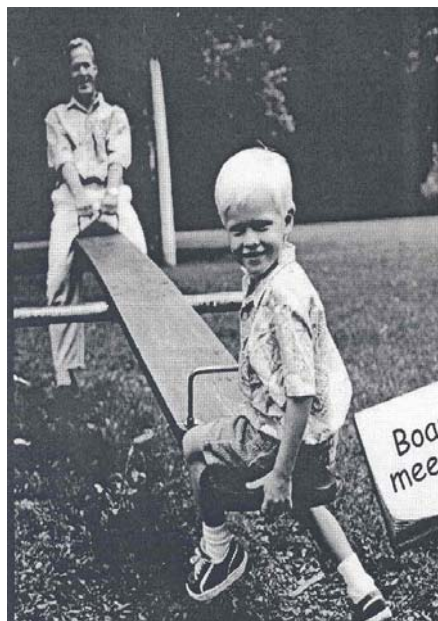


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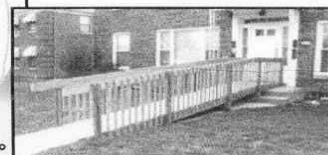
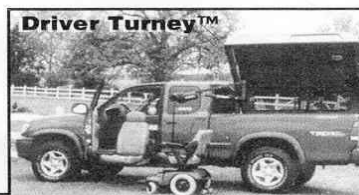
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Flu & Pneumonia Shots Offered At Milwaukee County Senior Centers

The Visiting Nurses Association will offer flu and pneumonia shots at Milwaukee County Senior Centers in October. An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter will assist at Kelly Senior Center on October 11th from 10 AM – 2 PM.

Appointments are not necessary. Medicare Part B and Title 19 will be accepted.

SENIOR CENTER	2006 Dates	Time
Wilson Park Senior Center 2601 W Howard Ave., Milwaukee	October 10-12 (MH) October 13 (Lounge) October 14 (LL)* <i>* Huge Fall Rummage Sale on October 14th</i>	10 AM – 2 PM
Kelly Senior Center 6100 S Lake Drive, Cudahy	October 11 (<i>with ASL interpreter available</i>)	10 AM – 2 PM
Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W Vliet Street, Milwaukee	October 13	10 AM – 2 PM
Clinton Rose Senior Center 3045 N Martin Luther King Dr. Milwaukee	October 17	10 AM – 2 PM
McGovern Park Senior Center 4500 W Custer Ave., Milwaukee	October 20	10 AM – 2 PM

For questions regarding the VNA Shoo the Flu and Pneumonia, too! Clinics please visit www.aurora.org/flu or call (800) 548-7580

These senior centers are funded by Milwaukee County Department on Aging and managed by Interfaith Older Adult Programs. View a full list of activities online at www.interfaithmilw.org.